Northern Coalfields Limited	4,940.00	4,582.00
Mahanandi Coalfields Limited	2,014.73	2,127.01
North Eastern Coalfields Limited	15.24	4.69

Products Manufactured by Durgapur Steel Plant

2202. SHRI MD. SALIM:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the main products of the Durgapur Alloy Steel Plant;

(b) how and where those are processed into finished products alongwith the names and location of those plants;

(c) the conditionalities for supply of stainless steel slabs from Durgapur Alloy Steel Plant to Salem steel plant for production of stainless steel items; and

(d) the difficulties in installing a hot rolling plant at Durgapur to produce stainless steel items at a comparatively low cost?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) The main products of Alloy Steel Plant (ASP), Durgapur are Slabs, Blooms, Billets, Bars, Plates & Sheets and Forged Products.

(b) ASP, Durgapur is processing and selling the above mentioned products from various shops of the plant. However, slabs produced are finally converted into Hot Rolled/Cold Rolled Plates, Sheets and Coils by Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL), Bokaro (Bihar), and Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP), Rourkela (Orissa), and into pipes by RSP. Stainless Steel Slabs are converted into HR/CR Coils/Sheets at Salem Steel Plant (SSP), Salem (Tamilnadu). BSL, RSP and SSP market these products.

(c) Depending upon the requirement of the market, orders for procurement of slabs is placed on ASP. The basis of supply is on the minimum contribution over the variable cost for various grades/quality.

(d) SAIL has already installed a hot rolling plant at Salem for producing hot rolled coils slabs supplied by Alloy Steels Plant, Durgapur. There is enough capacity available at SSP and the demand has not picked up in the country to justify installing a hot rolling plant at Durgapur.

Economically Backward Muslims Under OBC Categories

2203. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the entire Muslims, who are economically backward are covered under the Mandal formula of reservation under OBC;

(b) if not, which category of Muslims are covered under the Mandal formula, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government will consider bringing the entire economically backward Muslims under OBC for the benefit under the Mandal formula as has been done in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) No Sir.

(b) Only those sections of Muslims which are socially and educationally backward have been included in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the purpose of providing reservation in direct recruitment in civil posts and services under the Government of India. State-wise List of Muslims in which there is a specific indication of their belonging to Muslim community who are included in